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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

WALLACH ET AL.

Examiner

Ileana Popa

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 17-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 17 and 19 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 January 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in the prior Office Action.

2. Claims 2-16 have been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 17-19 are new. No new matter was introduced by the new claims or by the amendment to claim 1.

Claims 1 and 17-19 are pending and under examination.

Note: Change of Examiner

The Examiner of record is now Ileana Popa, Art Unit 1633. Therefore, future correspondence should reflect such changes. Also, at the end of the Action is the information regarding the SPE and the Art Unit.

Response to Amendment

3. The amendment to the claims filed on 08/10/2006 does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c) because the Applicants indicate the status of "original" for the amended claim 1. Amendments to the claims filed on or after July 30, 2003 must comply with 37 CFR 1.121(c) which states:

(c) *Claims*. Amendments to a claim must be made by rewriting the entire claim with all changes (e.g., additions and deletions) as indicated in this subsection, except when the claim is being canceled. Each amendment document that includes a change to an existing claim, cancellation of an existing claim or addition of a new claim, must include a complete listing of all claims ever presented, including the text of all pending and withdrawn claims, in the application. The claim listing, including the text of the claims, in the amendment document will serve to replace all

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prior versions of the claims, in the application. In the claim listing, the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following identifiers in a parenthetical expression: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Withdrawn), (Previously presented), (New), and (Not entered).

Applicants are required to indicate the correct "currently amended status for claim 1.

Response to Arguments

Specification

4. The objection to the specification under section 5 of the prior Office action is withdrawn because the Applicants amended the specification to correct the errors brought to their attention by the Examiner.

However, Applicants assertion that it is the Examiner's duty to find any additional errors and bring them to Applicants' attention is not found persuasive. It is Applicants duty to address each objection and rejection made by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any additional errors in the specification of which Applicants may become aware.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, 2nd paragraph

5. The rejection of claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite is withdrawn in response to Applicants cancellation of claim 5 and amendment to claim 1, filed on 08/10/2006.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, written description

6. The rejection of claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement is withdrawn in response to Applicants cancellation of claim 5 and amendment to claim 1, filed on 08/10/2006.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, enablement

7. The rejection of claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement is withdrawn in response to Applicants cancellation of claim 5 on 08/10/2006.

New Rejection

Drawings

8. The drawings/figures are objected to because tables and sequence listings included in the specification must not be duplicated in the drawings. See 37 C.F.R. §1.58(a) and §1.83. Applicants are advised that upon issuance of a patent, the complete text of the sequence listing submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825 will be published as part of the patent. Applicants should amend the specification to delete any Figures which consist only of nucleic acid or protein sequences which have been submitted in their entirety in computer readable format (i.e. as SEQ ID NO.'s) and should further amend the specification accordingly to reflect the replacement of the Figure by the appropriate SEQ ID NO.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, 2nd paragraph

9. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter that the applicant regards as his invention.

10. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

It is not clear from the language of the claim, and the specification does not define, what defines an active fragment of an antibody. It is noted that different antibody fragments mediate distinct events, for example the Fc fragment mediates cellular toxicity and complement-mediated lysis, whereas Fab fragments mediate antigen recognition. Since it is not clear what the claimed activity is, the metes and bounds of the claim cannot be determined and the claim is indefinite.

11. Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

It is not clear from the language of the claim whether Applicants mean that the molecule of claim 1 comprising an antibody further comprises a chimeric antibody or whether the antibody of claim 1 is a chimeric antibody. Therefore, the metes and bounds of the claim cannot be determined and the claim is indefinite.

12. Claims 1 and 18 are rejected.

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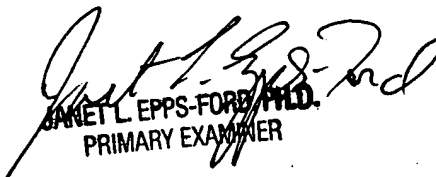
Claim 17 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ileana Popa whose telephone number is 571-272-5546. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 am-5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-0731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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